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Attorney General's office moves to represent consumers in Public Service Commission rate case

Wilmington - Today, the Attorney General's office filed a petition to represent Delaware consumers before the State Public Service Commission as it decides whether to approve an increase in Delmarva Power & Light's electric distribution rates in Delaware. The Attorney General's office is taking this action under its common law or "parens patriae" authority because of the vacancy in the Public Advocate's office created by the December 31, 2010 retirement of Public Advocate G. Arthur Padmore. While that position remains vacant, the Attorney General is concerned that the consumers' interests may not otherwise be represented.

"The process of setting utility rates is very important and has a direct impact on the monthly expenses of all consumers," Attorney General Biden stated. "We're acting to ensure that the interests of consumers are advocated as the Commission considers this proposed rate increase."

The Public Service Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 18, to consider this case. A copy of the Attorney General's petition is attached.

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